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June 2, 2004

Michael A. Teague, Ph.D.  
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Clariant Corporation  
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Re: Proposed Conceptual Site Model for Red Pigments 214 and 414

Dear Dr. Teague:

This is in response to your April 30, 2004 letter regarding a proposed approach for assessing potential exposure risks associated with the use of Clariant Red Pigments 214 and 414. The proposed approach includes the development of a work plan for EPA's review and approval, that will assist in the development of a Conceptual Site Model for these pigments. A description of the proposed approach was provided via an attached letter from BBL Sciences, Inc, who you have selected to assist you with this project. In your letter, you request EPA's concurrence on this approach.

EPA has reviewed your request and the proposed approach provided by BBL and agrees that given the complexity and importance of this project, that the proposed approach is reasonable. As you acknowledge in your letter, this is a high priority project and EPA expects Clariant to submit its work plan as soon as possible so that the assessment can proceed.

Should you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to call me at (617)918-1527.

Sincerely,

Kimberly N. Tisa, PCB Coordinator  
Office of Ecosystem Protection

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